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Statement of Congressman Dan Benishek (MI-01)

--Representative Will Support Bill To Cut Spending and Keep the Government Open--

WASHINGTON, DC: Congressman Dan Benishek (MI-01) today released the following statement:

"More than a month ago the House passed a bill to fund the government for the rest of the fiscal year. Unfortunately neither the Senate Majority Leader nor the White House have committed themselves to the House proposal nor put forth a serious alternative that heeds the calls of the American people who've pleaded for reasonable, responsible spending cuts.

Short-term spending bills are no way to fund government, but I support this effort put forth by the House Leadership because it contains \$12 billion in needed reductions without shutting down the government. With more reductions than the two previous spending bills combined, I see this new proposal as a home run.

In the House we have done our part—passing legislation that cuts spending and keeps the government open. By contrast, the Senate and the White House seem only to be interested in further delay tactics.

Like many of my colleagues, I hope we can quickly move past last year's business and begin focusing on significant fiscal reforms to reduce our structural spending deficit and put our nation on a path toward real private sector job growth."

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